(c) A Member of Lok Sabha/Rajya Sabha on being nominated to another elected post is governed by the provisions of the Constitution and other law depending on the nature of the elected post.

Transfer of regulatory offences to regulatory authorities

810. SHRl LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the laws like Essential Commodities Act, Excise Acts passed by the State Legislatures; Arms Acts, Mines Acts, Food Adulteration Act, Motor Vehicles Act and the like are basically regulatory in nature, and the offences relate to infringement of regulations only;

(b) whether the regulatory authorities are competent enough to deal with the regulatory offences and would dispose off the cases expeditiously;

(c) whether transfer of such cases to the regulatory authorities would greatly reduce the burden of the courts;

(d) whether Government had initiated such a move in 1987-88; and

(e) if so, whether Government would consider entrusting the powers to regulatory authorities in the States?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Beneficiaries under ICDS

811. SHRI SITARAM YECHURY: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the outcome Budget presented to the Parliament informs that 24 per cent of beneficiaries under ICDS are from SCs and STs categories;

(b) if so, whether Government would provide the disaggregated figure, State-wise for SCs and STs; and

(c) the details of the proportionate amount spent on them in comparison to the budgetary allocations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) Yes, Sir. The Outcome Budget for the year 2006-07 states that as per information received from 23 States, 24 per cent of the ICDS beneficiaries belong to SC/ST categories. As per the Outcome Budget 2007-08, over 41 per cent of ICDS beneficiaries belong to SC/ST categories.

(b) The information has been further updated and State-wise disaggregated data on SC/ST beneficiaries is given in the Statement *(See* below).

(c) Information on expenditure for the SC/ST beneficiaries is not captured separately.